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1. MALIK COMMENTS PROBABLY QUOTED ACCURATELY BY
LELYVELD. THEY WOULD BE CONSISTENT HIS PROPENSITY
OF STRIKING STATEMENTS TO REPORTERS AS WELL AS
HIS PUBLIC STANCE THAT FOREIGN BASES IN SEA REGION
SHOULD BE ELIMINATED OVER TIME. MALIK ALSO POSSESSES
DEVELOPING NATION BELIEF THAT CONSTANT PRESSURE SHOULD
BE MAINTAINED ON US TO "FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS"
PARTLY AS EXPLANATION FOR FAILURE OF OTHERS TO FULFILL
THEIRS. THIS ALSO APPARENT IN RECENT COMMENTS ASCRIBED
TO HIM THAT US IS NOT MEETING ITS AID OBLIGATIONS.
FINALLY, WE SUSPECT HE IS ALSO PREPARING A WAY FOR
PUBLIC SEPARATION OF INDONESIA FROM IDENTIFICATION
WITH US SETBACKS IN INDOCHINA. NONE OF THIS,
HOWEVER, CHANGES BASIC DESIRE OF INDONESIAN
MILITARY LEADERSHIP FOR CONTINUED US PRESENCE IN
AREA; AS THAT PRESENCE WITHDRAWS, HOWEVER, ACCOMMODATION
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OF ALL INDONESIAN ELEMENTS WITH INEVITABLE LIKELY.

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